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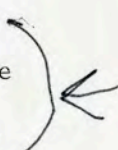
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LTC, Inf, AUS (Ret.)

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Sunday at 11:30 JUSMAG
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@ 1030
of Lica's Club

Monday Evening 7:00
Robel House (Gail Espino)
meet @ Bohannon @ 5:00!

Saturday evening @
Relax

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Interview with Charles Glazer
(taped without his knowledge or permission)
Manila, Saturday, 19 July 1986

Extracts. The interview is too difficult to transcribe.

. . . ordered me into Malacanang as a liaison officer between the Philippine government and [AFWESPAC]. That's why I don't want to say anything because my position was very confidential with the people I dealt with. . . . I know too many people who do too damn much talking about what they did. I hate that.

CBC: That's not really the kind of thing I need to ask you about, Charles. I need to ask you some technical points. When Leland Hobbs was JUSMAG commanding general, was he a major general?

CG: I don't know. I'd have to look.

CBC: Wasn't that the normal rank for a JUSMAG commander?

CG: When I was in that position and the war was over, I can tell you, there was a big _____ among the regular Army people to get assigned to JUSMAG. Because they realized it would be good for their careers. . . . In the original JUSMAG there were about 100 officers and 200 enlisted men. We were the ones that were manning it. . . . In the meantime, I met Jones, Merrill, General Merrill, . . .

CBC: Well, I know a Colonel Giles Merrill. What Merrill are you referring to?

CG: _____. He came here, you know, as a brigadier general under MG Jones, who was the commander here before the war _____ and they were the ones who took over comand of JUSMAG.

CBC: Would you happen to know who in 1950 was the G-2 of the Philippine Army?

CG: Well, that was Gabriel.

CBC: Colonel Gabriel?

Dorothy Bohannon: Wasn't Gabriel MIS?

CG: Oh, I'm sure he was G-2. . . . I'm sure it was Gabriel.

CBC: See, these are real secret questions I'm asking you.

DB: _____

CG: No. _____. I was in his office many times.

DB: That was later.

CG: Oh, that was 50, 51, 52 . . .

CBC: Well, Lansdale says at one point I got CIA to very quietly fund several organizations, give them money to get going and come to life. Now one of those organizations was NAMFREL. What were some of the other organizations that might have received that kind of funding?

CG: I just don't know.

DB: The Presidential Action Committee?

CBC: Presidential Complaints and Actions?

DB: Yeah.

CG: Yeah, a lot of money went into those groups.

DB: The Peace Fund. Supposedly that was raised by subscription from the Philippine people.

CG: Yeah. I had nothing to do . . .

DB: omitted.

CBC: Can you think of any other organizations that might have been funded that way. 50? 51.

CG: Well, the Committee for Free Asia was one. Do you know what I'm talking about?

CC: I don't know whether I do or not. Tell me about it.

CG: You'd better read up on that.

DB: Freedom Company?

CG: Oh, hell, yeah. Committee for Free Asia. They were financed by . . .

DB: What was that agricultural thing that Manny worked with?

CG: You mean when he was back up in . . . and all that area?

DB: omitted.

CG:

CC: I have another quote from Ed here. Talking about the 53 election. If those people went to cheat, to print false ballots, well there might be a fire in the printing plant and all their ballots burn in there, in the warehouse. Who else is going to do it except the CIA. Do you remember any incidents like that?

CG: I don't recollect . . .

CC: Any forged ballots being burned up?

CG: No. At the time I was very close with Magsaysay. . . .

DB: You knew him when he was a congressman when Quirino was president.

CG: Yeah. Magsaysay. Roxas.

CC: Did you maintain this relationship with Magsaysay after he became Secretary of National Defense?

CG: Very definitely. Most people didn't know how well I knew him. I saw him at his house, met him for lunch he was always concerned because I was looking ahead because I was so well known at Malacanang M. was being So I intentionally broke my relationship with M. because I didn't want other things blamed on him Eventually, when he was elected he invited me to Malacanang. I said I just won't do it, because everybody would say there was that son of a bith who has been there for years who's now telling you what to do. So I said I won't come near the place

much omitted.

CG: I was army reserve. Technically I was a civilian, prospecting, mining I got out of active duty in May 1949 Quirino called me in and said Charlie, we're going to have a hot time here, and I don't know what's going to happen, and am going to spend August in the U.S., so I said I'll go back to the States and get out. And then I came back here as a civilian so he said o.k., fine, so the job of liaison officer . . . went back to the US, went off active duty, and when I came back there right after the Korean War broke out in June 50, so I had been in Washington on and off a lot while there and of course Quirino . . . in 49. Someone asked me if I knew Monching, and of course I knew Quirino very wellwe were talking in Washington about what were we going to do . . . setting up JUSMAG, secretary of National Defense, so the name of M. came up, and the guys in Washington didn't know me, but I knew the top people out here and then . . . was also in Washington at that time, so they'd been trying to figure out how the hell to convince Q. to put M. in as secy of def., . . . so I said, hell, you know that I'm going back to MaNILA and all I have to do is go and I can go and talk to Q. No problem. That's right. So I came back here, everything was in a hell of a fix as you know, communists were sittin all over the damn place, the first thing I did was to go in and say, what's the word from Washington. Something you won't like. You can ask me anything. Well, first of all you need help. And JUSMAG . . . and have an idea that Washington likes, secy of natil def., Who's that? Who's that? Well, he's controversial but we think he can do the job. Magsaysay. Oh, o.k., o.k.

omitted.

CC: Remember a guy named Livingston Merchant? Undersecretary of State for the Far East.

CG: Well, many of them came thru here and I met them.

CC: My information is that Colonel George Chester and LM came out to talk to Quirino.

CG: Chester I knew very well, for he was G-2 of AFWESPAC when I worked at Malacanang and I issued many many orders for him and his people so Chester said, well, when he arrived in Manila, said I'd like to talk to Magsaysay at length. I said o.k. Set up a luncheon at the Manila Hotel in a suite upstairs, had lunch up there. Broke Chester, General Peralta, who was on leave from Panay, Monching, Magsaysay and myself. We talked until about 3 in the afternoon on particulars. Chester had all the authority to make the promises. As to how all this assistance, secy of natl defense for M. would be channeled thru JUSMAG and so Monching was very happy

omitted

CC: When you were back in Washington before this, Chester by that time was working for the OPC.

CG: Yeah, he was back in Washington

CC: And Lansdale was in OPC. Presumably if you're working for people like that you have some relationship with OPC yourself.

CG: I wouldn't know. (laughs) Yeah. Well, after all, they were all old friends from the Philippines and they were trying to put knowledge into action. The word was out that I used to go to Zambales with M., and it was in the press all the time. Roxas. Quirino.

much material omitted.

I had a private secretary, but I never wrote letters, I never wrote memos. Quirino had no idea what I did. Well it won't be long before you find out. Quirino talked to me later, and I never pushed myself on him. I just didn't have any idea what you did.

omitted.

I was living at the embassy but moved back to Malacanang. People knew me as just a guy who went around and talked to everybody. Newsmen, the press, they always came in and talked to me.

CC: Well, after that meeting in August 1950 in Washington when you said you could talk to Q. about M., you said when you came back you were 'technically' a civilian. What does that word 'technically' mean?

CC: Well, I was a reserve officer, a commission, I was taking reserve tng here. I went off active duty. omitted.

omitted.

I never took one piso for nothing! Alright?

CC: You said to me last summer, Ed and I never served together; we worked on parallel lines; I saw to it he got what he needed. What sorts

of things might he need?

CG: Jeeps and running equipment and stuff that sometimes had trouble; I wouldn't quote that particularly, but that type of thing. Ordinary stuff. Movie projectors and films to show. Documentary film strips for the barrio people. A lot of small stuff. I could expedite things.

CC: When you read Lansdale's book, or talk with him, he's with Monching constantly. How did that leave you time to have lunch with him?

CG: Well, he still had things he needed to do; talk to the president; and he always stopped to see me, and then I cut down on seeing him all I could. I was to all the official luncheons and he was always there.

CC: Lansdale tells me about being in top level mtgs and talking with people like John Foster Dulles and George Catlett Marshall. How does a ltc get in a meeting like that?

CG: Because of what he knew. When was that?

CC: 1950.

CG: Well, you've read all the stuff. You know the story of Lansdale. He knew what the hell he was doing and how to do it. Those smart-asses back there in Washington, they didn't believe him. You know that. You know that very well.

CC: Well, they seemed to be believing him in 1950. He had a lot of authority out here. He could tell Leland Hobbs what to do; he could tell Myron Cohen what to do.

CG: Because Myron was a very nice guy, but he was an ambassador; he didn't go out and knock around in the field with people. A lot of people came in and talked with him and he said, you want to know what's going on, talk to Lansdale.

omitted.

DB: Ed was not an efficient person. Never. He got along with people.

CG: That's why I realized he shouldn't be too close with me. I mean working with me because I was a source of information that was independent; he stopped in at the Palace and talked with me. . . . All these people talked in front of me and he treated me as just one of them. Then the next couple of days I'd be out talking to Anderson or Jack Wachtel and they'd say, Charlie, you know, what does _____ think about this situation? Hell, you know goddam well, if you want to know, ask me, and I'd tell them exactly what I'd been hearing directly out of their mouth. Of course, this is not to be attributed to me. . . . And that's the way it worked. And of course I had information that nobody else

omitted.

CC: Would it work that way today, Charlie? . . . I can't see the local

agent here bouncing his ideas directly to the head of the CIA. Yet EGL often seems to have done that.

CG: Well, don't you think that word 'might' you used should have a capital M on it?

CC: Don't you think that he was able to do that in part because CIA was a younger organization without the many rules it later came to have?

CG: Good bet. mmmhmm. Yes. He came in here as an OSS guy before CIA was set up in 47 and who was sent out to the embassy as a political officer of some sort, a CIA guy. And he didn't know nothing from nothing about the Philippines. He relied entirely upon Ed . . . and we were the ones who kept him moving. . . .

Brunette , Buneuz? [name of CIA officer in PI in late 40s. (spelling of name)]

You see, when Brunette was hear and didn't know anybody

much material omitted.

TINIO STORY:

CC: why give this help?

CG: Well, they were working for JUSMAG; JUSMAG was the source of the material. The thing is, we weren't fighting all those people. We were not fighting all those people. And we were helping Valeriano. I knew Tinio very well. Very well. That was one of the many, many things that helped Magsaysay. We agreed to help him and we did. We were trying to control Taruc. And he couldn't do anything with the material we gave him; the typewriter? we could identify the source. What the hell's wrong with that. We were supplying him with major communication.

much omitted.

CC: Peter Richards has a theory that for awhile EGL was fairly high on Lorenzo Tanada to be the president after Q. . . . ?

CG: I played with them also, tennis, badminton, with Ed over in Malacanang park across from the palace. I never questioned him, but he was one of those he was very close with. . . . There's no doubt that psychological warfare section of the Dept of Natl Def of the Phil. Govt was very important in shaping the character of M., operated by LaNSDALE out of JUSMAG. Everything that M did that could be turned into something of value in bldg up the personality of M was immediately done; something that had to be done promptly. M left at 3 o clock in the morning by . . . surprised some camp or something the next day everybody new about it, got in all the newspapers. The thing is that Monching had the honesty to live up to the things said about him.

The following is my remembrance of another topic CBC discussed with CG: I told him the Chip Ward story, and he said, Well, Chips version was probably right. He did do those things for EGL; he had transportation available; he could go rent safe-houses at a time when EGL had to remain pretty much undercover.

He also laughed about EGL talking about how poor he was, and said that it was misdirection; that EGL was trying to confuse critics who told of how much money EGL spent on candidates, etc., by talking about his own personal checking account. His own account might be bone dry, and he knew EGL would never have used govt money for his own needs, but while his own might be dry, he had plenty of US money to be spent on US approved projects.